

# *Grapevine*

A vast field of sunflowers stretches towards the horizon under a warm, golden sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a soft glow and long shadows. The sunflowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others still budding. The field is densely packed, and the colors transition from bright yellow in the foreground to a hazy, golden light in the distance.

*Langtoft*  
*September to October 2024*

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## *Editor's Welcome.*

We hope everyone is taking time to enjoy the sunshine and the opportunity to visit our village parks and surrounding countryside. Within this edition you will hear more about the events hosted within the village, members of our community who go above and beyond volunteering and our community groups who continue to deliver great events for us all.

Our fantastic team who has been organizing the village Macmillan Coffee Morning since 2015 will be taking a well-earned break this year, hopefully returning in 2025. If anyone is interested in helping organize this year's charity event on 27th September, please contact: -

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Enjoy the remaining days of summer and continue to support our wonderful village.

Regards

Langtoft Parish Council.

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## *Parish News.*

Following our Annual Parish Council Meeting in May Colin Gamble stepped down as our Parish Council Chairman and will continue to serve as a councillor. On behalf of the village and your council colleagues thank you Colin for your leadership and dedication.

I was very fortunate to be elected as the incoming Chairwoman and look forward to representing you all and our great village. I've lived in the village since 2015 and have always been impressed with the excellent community groups offering a wide range of amenities, Langtoft is certainly a hub of activity which also benefits from the support of local businesses and of course the Parish Council.

I'd like to say a few words about our Parish Council and the role we play in the community.

## *Parish News.*

As a statutory government body, we're integral to what makes our village a great place to be. The council represents your interests in improving the quality of life and local environment. Furthermore, we can influence other decision makers and can in many cases, deliver services to meet local needs. In other words your Parish Council does make a difference.

Some of the areas we're accountable for and/or review on behalf of the village: - community safety, seats and shelters, park's, cemetery, planning and highways, A major focus is to ensure we leverage local grants and funding in support of improving village amenities and large-scale maintenance.

Over the last 12 months to date we have secured funding for restoration of East End Park. Undertaken tree preservation work at the park, cemetery, and Penfield received a donation for Penfield wheelchair accessible viewing platform and wildlife information boards. Provided outdoor adult gym equipment in both East and West end parks.

We have seven elected councillors and a Clerk all with varied backgrounds and experience which enables us to represent our village across a wide range of council accountabilities and to ensure we remain proactive in promoting the interests and wellbeing of the people of Langtoft. Currently we have four open vacancies, so if you're passionate about your community why not join us.

As we move into the Autumn months we'll share more insights into our Parish Council work, events, and engagement with the village community.

There is an open invitation to come along to our Parish Council meetings. They are public meetings, and we welcome you to all to come along not only to see what we are doing but to get involved as a community volunteer.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th September 7pm at the Village Hall.

All minutes are posted on our website: - [LangtoftParishCouncil.org](http://LangtoftParishCouncil.org)

Looking forward to meeting you over the coming months

Regards

Bev Farrington

Chair Langtoft Parish Council

# Are you passionate about your community?



## **IF YOU CARE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE AND WANT TO DRIVE CHANGE JOIN YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

Langtoft Parish Council has open vacancies for Councillor's.

No experience or specific skills required, just a passion and willingness to help keep Langtoft a vibrant and great village to live.

We also have a need for  
Parish Park Champions and Community Volunteers.

Please contact the Clerk for further details:  
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Dear Residents,

As your district councillors, we are grateful to the editorial team for putting together this Parish Magazine. If you are able to support the Parish Council with this then please let them know. Your contribution towards our community would be much appreciated.

We hope you have had a wonderful summer and found some time to relax and recharge.

From 16th September SKDC will be offering kerbside collection of batteries and single use vapes. These can be left in a clear plastic bag next to the wheelie bin every week. It is hoped this new measure will reduce fires in bin lorries and recycling centres which can occur when batteries are crushed or damaged when they are inappropriately put into wheelie bins. Batteries can still be recycled at retail outlets as before.

Since the roll out of the separate paper and card recycling in February only 1% of this has been contaminated. This is excellent news as it provides high quality recyclate. The silver bin contamination rate has also improved.

The Anglian Water consultation on the new reservoir near Sleaford, with a pipe to Peterborough which will pass near Langtoft has now closed. [www.linreservoir.co.uk](http://www.linreservoir.co.uk) This is in addition to the Grantham to Bexwell pipeline which has been delayed for various reasons.

LCC has recently opened a consultation on its minerals and waste plan which includes changes to the site at West Deeping: [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/planning/minerals-waste](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/planning/minerals-waste) This runs until 24th September.

With the changes in Westminster we have also seen the approval of the Mallard Pass Solar Farm. We understand that this is disappointing to many residents who have concerns about its direct local impact as well as the detrimental effect that it may have on our country's food production.

We both attend most Parish Council meetings and are committed to serving the needs of our community and speaking up for residents. If you have any concerns, suggestions, or feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Vanessa and Rosemary

## *Local Services.*

### **The Deepings Practice Patient Participation Group**

Thank you for inviting us to your Parish Meeting on May 10th. We were very impressed by the venue. The cheese and wine added an extra ambience. As you probably know, we are a relatively new committee and have made it our task to keep in close contact with the villages that fall under the umbrella of the Deepings Practice.

We operate the Voluntary Drivers Scheme (VCS) and always welcome new applications from drivers with some time to spare. The VCS organizes transport to and from medical appointments. Although there is a small mileage cost, the driver's time is completely unpaid. We are fundraising to support the scheme as you can see from the photo above. The draw was made on the 14th of May. And one of the winners was Sarah Gresty from Langtoft! Congratulations !

On July 2nd we held a buffet evening for the Volunteer Drivers. It was really well attended and Dr. Phipps gave a vote of thanks to the volunteer drivers.

The Practice Manager and the Deputy Practice Manager were in attendance. Dr Phipps drew out a raffle prize which was an MOT donated by Towngate Tyres and it was won by one of our volunteer drivers.

Don't forget we are always recruiting drivers and we are looking for an additional coordinator for the scheme. (training will be given).

The Vaccination season begins in the autumn so if you see anyone from the PPG at these events then please ask about the Voluntary Drivers Scheme if you would like to help.



Dr. Phipps giving the vote of thanks



## *Church News.*

September resonates in so many ways with me, I remember as a young girl going out to buy new pens, pencils and pencil case ready for the start of the new school year. Each year offering a new beginning, the possibility of keeping exercise books neat and tidy and if I was lucky new bits of uniform.

In the fields though the season is coming towards an end as the crops are being harvested, the golden fields giving up their treasures that will sustain us through the months ahead. This brings with it the harvest festivals where we give thanks for the fruits of the earth and the gifts of those who care for it.

In our churches though it brings a busier season after the relative quiet of the summer months. As we celebrate harvest we also approach the season of remembrance, with All Souls, and the Remembrance services.

The colours of our seasons change alongside these events, with the gold of the harvest giving way to the autumnal oranges and reds, as we move towards the poppy season.

What I would like to ask you to do over the next few weeks is to notice these things, each day take time to look around, look at the show creation is putting on for us. Look at the colours of the fields, listen to the birdsong and perhaps even smell new mown grass, damp leaves and the plants that so far have done well with the varied summer weather.

‘All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above’, goes the words of the harvest hymn, sometimes the best part of the day will be those moments when we stop and take notice of them.

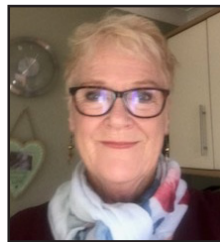
God Bless  
Carolyn





## *Village Volunteers.*

### **Volunteer extraordinaire! Langtoft meets Liz Jarman**



I recently had the pleasure of getting Liz to sit still for an hour or so on behalf of us all so I could find out what drives her passion and commitment to volunteering and supporting our community.

For those of you who have not met her yet! Liz has lived in Langtoft for some 14 years, however, local to the area for 55 years. She has two daughters and four grandchildren and an avid gardener. Now you would think that would keep her busy, yet she finds time, has endless energy and a passion for helping others and the community in general.

One of her greatest accomplishments is the annual Langtoft Festival. Started in 2019 an idea Liz had whilst driving home one evening and seeing another village advertising their festival. The inaugural festival in 2019 had a wide spectrum of music from a military band to gospel singers and has become a regular entertainment event for people in the village and the surrounding area ever since. Furthermore over £3000 in donations have been made by the Festival Committee to local needs.

Liz is also the Chair of the Village Hall Committee, a volunteer for the Deepings men's Group and a member of the Deepings Practice Car scheme. Liz said the car scheme is desperate for more volunteer drivers and anyone that has a few hours to spare could they please call the coordinators on 07858373912. Liz has met some lovely people doing this volunteering and they are all so appreciative that it's a real pleasure to do it.

I asked Liz what she personally gained from her volunteering work. She replied that she calls it 'Pay forward', supporting others like she would want to be. She says the best part is meeting so many different people, sitting back watching people enjoying themselves and being able to help someone with day-to-day tasks. Her advice for people considering supporting the community is to 'Just Do It' don't think about it too much, look around your community, see what the needs are and get involved you'll surprise yourself.

As our hour came to an end and Liz was preparing to dash off to tend to someone's garden at 6pm on a Friday evening..... I asked if she could pick one famous person to volunteer with who would it be, with a broad smile and a very quick response she said it would be no other than Billy Joel!

Having spent time with Liz I was in awe of her energy, creativity, and dedication to our village, I would say Liz is our 'Uptown Girl'!

## *Village Volunteers.*

### **Penfield Volunteer! Langtoft meets Augy Harrison**



Augy is known to many in the village as a keen naturalist and the main working party team leader for Penfield Nature Reserve.

His passion for wildlife started early; his childhood home in Bath backed onto the Kennet and Avon canal and open countryside so he was exposed to nature from his early years. A love and knowledge of butterflies and moths specifically, has grown enormously from trying to hatch butterflies from caterpillars as a child.

On leaving school he worked on the railway as a trainee driver, retrained as a carpenter then developed an interest in engineering through modifying motorcycles for drag racing. He then took an engineering degree and came to work for Perkins in 2000, moving to Langtoft in 2014.

He joined the management group for Penfield Nature Reserve back in 2018. The Parish Council's takeover of Penfield in May 2021 coincided perfectly with his retirement, freeing him to join, and often lead, the regular Wednesday morning working parties. His carpentry skills have also proved an asset to the volunteer group, with the site being improved with benches, bird boxes (assembled by Langtoft Primary School children) and a sand martin box.

Thanks to some external funding, the volunteer team has just been installing some direction signage, and Augy has advised on more exciting developments to follow (wildlife identification boards and creation of some disabled access to the site).

Augy commented that volunteering has not only been extremely rewarding, it has had many benefits he had not anticipated. Seeing and learning about the varied wildlife that use Penfield, the exercise, working outdoors close to nature, and especially the camaraderie of working with the regular volunteers; it has become a semi social event on Wednesday mornings

# *Langtoft Events.*

## **Langtoft Festival**

Langtoft Festival came about after my retirement in 2017. I was looking for a project and one day I was driving along the A1 and saw a notice for Water Newton Beer Festival. I thought Bourne has the beer festival and Baston has the Blitz and the car show. Market Deeping has the raft race and the duck race, but Langtoft in between, has nothing.

Being an impulsive Aries I went home, picked a date, 13th of July; my beloved sister's birthday and advertised the fact that we would be having a festival on that date in 2019.

It did not occur to me to ask if the village, in fact, wanted such an event! But I am renowned for running with an idea without any true idea of just how much work and money would be needed! A committee was formed with local residents and so it began.

Funding from SKDC community fund kindly supplied nearly £5000 in grant money to start us off. Local companies and businesses put their faith in this new enterprise and sponsored the venture. We have been funded by local sponsorship ever since then and have greatly appreciated this.

2019 Festival (our first) had two stages. 17 bands from a full Highland pipe band to a Gospel Choir. The night before the Festival, we had a show with Luke Carver Goss and Ian McMillan. Two well-known gentlemen who entertained us royally with music, poems, and comedy. Sadly, a huge storm came in that night, torrential rain and high winds destroyed the gazebos and marquees that we had erected ready for the Festival. This was a devastating blow. However, true to form the residents of Langtoft rallied round. They turned up with their gazebos to replace those lost and saved the day! This is what community spirit truly is. The sun shone for us on the Saturday, and it was a great success. A lot was learnt that first year and we had SO much support and advice from SKDC, the Baston Car show organisers and many others. I must have driven them all quite mad with my questions! Thank you all!



## *Langtoft Events.*

### **Langtoft Festival**

COVID meant that we did not have a 2020 Festival. But we managed another very enjoyable Festival in 2021.

In 2022 our Festival was sadly cancelled at the very last minute. This was because we allowed an external group to take over the organising, as a learning exercise for their students. But, due to poor management, they failed. It had been outsourced to give myself and Diane a break.

This could have effectively killed the Festival in the water, but we were determined not to let that happen. So, in 2023 Diane Valentine and I set about restoring the village's faith in us. Although it was hard, with some doubting we would be able to pull it off, we did!

2024 was our fourth festival and each year we try to add something new - 2023 saw the introduction of a dog show, Viking display, children's activities and much more. 2024, Classic cars and motorcycles were added along with displays from local groups.

Natalie Stygall joined the team in 2024 and did a fantastic job with our social media, this appeared to be done by myself on Facebook (haha) but it was all Natalie's work.

Once having covered our costs we have been able to give back to our local community in the form of contributions to the council for our local park, Penfield Nature Reserve noticeboard, Langtoft Football Club for equipment and Langtoft Church for the Roof repair fund. We have also supported many charities.

Already the date has been set for Festival 2025 - 5th of July. I have decided to step back from the organising now. The festival is well established, and it is time for others to take the reins. I will be staying on as an advisor and I know the future of Langtoft Festival will be safe in the hands of the new committee.

An extra special thank you must go to all our wonderful volunteers, it would not be possible to stage this village event without them!

See you next year! Liz Jarman



## *Nature Watch.*

### **East End Pond.**

As I write, we still have a pool of water left in the pond where all the remaining newts and pond life have congregated. Hopefully sufficient water will remain long enough for the Efts (baby newts) to mature and colonise the surrounding land.

In August, we contracted with Mick Thwaites, a specialist in using traditional materials, to provide a knee high cleaved chestnut fence to segment the pond from the children's play area. The objective was to provide a barrier to prevent pre-school age children from running directly into the pond whilst at the same time, providing an attractive addition to the park. He did a fabulous job which seems to have been well received by the community.

During September we will be pollarding some more of the self-set willows from the pond basin. Following this we hope to get an excavator on site to reshape the pond basin creating a mosaic of deeper and shallower areas by shifting some of the silt onto the banksides. We hope that by doing this work, we will improve the aquatic habitat by retaining water in the pond for a longer period during the summer.

It's worth mentioning that the costs of the pond restoration are primarily being met by a generous grant from the Augean Community Fund. Grants are made to community groups wishing to make environmental improvements to public amenities, biodiversity and conservation or heritage projects within a 10 mile radius of the Augean Kings Cliffe landfill operation.

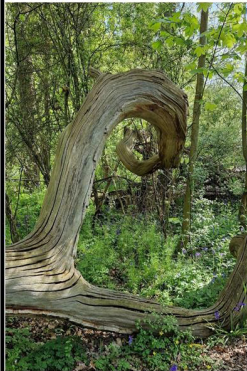


# **Wildlife Photography Competition**

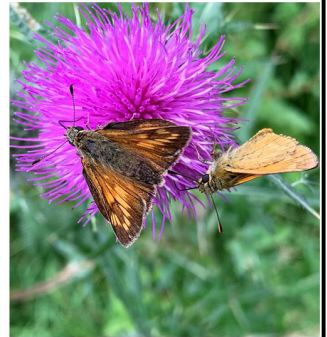
## **Thurlby, Baston and Langtoft**



**Love wildlife and want to share it?**



**Pick up your camera or  
phone and capture the  
wildlife around you within  
the three districts.**



**There are categories for all age groups!  
Open (adults), Young Person (12-18), Junior (11 and under)**

**Closing Date For Entries: 30 September 2024**



**For the full list of entry rules please visit the website  
<https://naturehoodsk.uk/wildlife-photography/>**

## *Nature Watch.*

### **Penfield Nature Reserve.**

Having had a very successful open day in June we were very upbeat and delighted with the feedback that we got about the reserve from the people who came. And then... The vandals struck, damaging trees and saplings down the pathways and writing graffiti on the WI bench and on the gate to the lower path. We managed to rectify the damage in good time and have also sanded down and re-treated the bench and the gate so the traces of the graffiti are gone.

We are sure that our Bittern nested this year, they are very secretive, but ours certainly changed his booming tune in May, which indicated that he had found a mate.

There has been a lot of activity by sand martins around the nesting box that we erected for them last year. They generally have 2 broods of chicks per year, so if they do nest they will be here for most of the summer.

The very wet, cold spring this year seems to have caused havoc with the butterfly, moth and bee populations and it also caused us to cancel a day visit by Langtoft Primary School.

Of the few butterfly species that we have seen the less common are the Green Hairstreak and the Dingy Skipper (small brown butterfly). The moth count has been low although we have managed to record a small variety including our favourite Poplar Hawk Moth and the giant Privet Hawk moth.

Our Wildlife photographer has recorded many of our resident creatures, including Hare, Muntjack, Roe Deer, Badgers, Coots, stoat, the Bittern and other wildfowl, including visiting Otters.

We are very fortunate to have been granted some funds from Public sources which will allow us to lay a path from the main gate and create a viewing area (overlooking the bird feeders) to allow access to Wheelchair, pushchair and other visitors requiring a firm base. We expect this to be completed by the end of the year.

Recent visitors will have seen that we have erected some way markers recently to make it easier to navigate around the reserve. We are also hoping to provide some information boards showing the birds, insects and mammals that use the reserve.

This coming autumn, we are planning to build a newt pond close to the main pond, with the aim of encouraging newts and other amphibians into it, for easy and safe viewing by visitors.

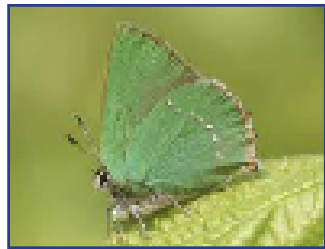
## *Nature Watch.*

### **Penfield Nature Reserve.**

the Penfield team, either as an on site volunteer or as part of the management team, please email [clerk@langtoftparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@langtoftparishcouncil.org) and we will be in touch. On site work parties usually take place on Wednesday mornings from 09:30 to 12:30 and occasionally on Saturdays too. Children under 16 are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Andy Hallam

Chair Penfield Management Group



## *From the Allotment.*

### **Summer BBQ**

A lovely afternoon was had by all in the sunshine at the allotments with a smashing BBQ and sweets to die for! Thank you, Mike Phillipson, Karen and Steve Collins, for cooking a wonderful selection of food on the BBQ in the heat of the afternoon. Also, thanks to those that bought delicious side dishes, strawberries and cream and THE most delicate meringues!





## *From the Allotment.*

### Summer BBQ

A light-hearted competition took place judged by Ann Denton who, after careful consideration as the standard of entry was very high, decided on the following winners.

Longest Bean - 55cm!

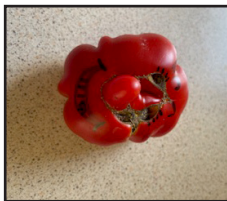
Karen Collins

Wonkiest Veg - Tommy Tomato

Liz Jarman

Most Unusual plant - Trombone Gourd

Richard Chattell



Barry Marshall, fondly known for always wearing his woollen hat whatever the temperature, has had an allotment coming up for 43 years and at 40 years was presented with a brass plaque commemorating this. When asked is attraction for allotment volunteering is Barry replied, "It gets me out of the house". His allotment is very productive and when asked what his best harvest is he replied runner beans and blackberries. Barry is a true testament as to how fulfilling and rewarding having an allotment is and reflects his love of home grown produce.

Fellow allotment holders can be seen chatting and swapping stories of failures and successes, sharing their glut of certain veg and fruits, offering advice to those new to the art of producing food for the family and in essence being an allotment holder is like being in a family.

Watch out for further articles in the Grapevine giving seasonal advice on home producing - you do not need an allotment to do this as they are like hen's teeth with a waiting list - you will amaze yourself what you can grow in a very small area!

See you all next issue!

## *Clubs.*

### **Langtoft WI**

#### **from Bread + Cheese to Brodsworth Hall, by Sue Eales**

One of the great strengths of our WI is in the variety of speakers and activities that we offer our members. Over the last few months, we have had talks about the Lincolnshire Emergency Blood Bikes Service, 'The Wonderful, Wicked Wallis Simpson', Bread + Cheese and 'A storm in a Teashop!' We have also had the opportunity to visit Brodsworth Hall as guests of Dyke WI, been to see the ballet at Peterborough New Theatre, as well as attending meetings held by other local WIs.

#### **Lincolnshire Emergency Blood Bikes Service (LEBBS)**

LEBBS takes medical products around the county out of hours, free of charge for the NHS, saving £100,000s. They will carry anything of an urgent, medical nature that can fit on a motorcycle, but, unlike emergency vehicles, they are not allowed to break the speed limit. The motorbikes are owned by the charity and they also have 4 wheel drive vehicles for use in icy weather – all driven by volunteers who must be over 25 and have an advanced driving qualification. They have also been taking blood and plasma to the Air Ambulance since 2017. In 2023, there were 2080 runs in Lincolnshire, plus 559 trips to the air ambulance.

Following the talk, our members very generously donated more than £185 towards the running costs of LEBBS.



#### **The Wonderful, Wicked Wallis Simpson!**

This was a very lively talk that challenged some of the misconceptions about this intriguing woman. Wallis was certainly sophisticated, fashion conscious and ambitious and she enjoyed the attention of the handsome Prince of Wales. There is no doubt about that. However, our speaker revealed that Wallis was not prepared for his infatuation and obsession with her, and was unwilling to divorce her husband, even when Edward threatened to cut his own throat if she didn't join him at Balmoral. Their liaison was common gossip all over the USA and Europe and Wallis had to put up with death threats and bricks thrown through her windows. Eventually she gave in to Edward's demands to get engaged and he bought her a large emerald and diamond ring – one of many jewels he bestowed upon her. In the end, their devotion to each other lasted a lifetime and, on Wallis' death, she left all her jewellery to French medical research charities as a thank you to the French people for giving them a home.

## *Clubs.*

### **Langtoft WI**

#### **A Storm in a Teashop!**

This was a story about a group of very strong-minded, brave and dignified women who, in 1908, were unwilling to put up with working conditions as waitresses at the Cabin restaurant in London's Piccadilly and went on strike. No books, archives or articles exist about this fascinating story, but there were plenty of newspaper articles about it at the time. It is only recently that these have been made available online for research and our speaker, Dr Ann Featherstone, was able to take advantage of this resource to uncover this otherwise forgotten episode in women's social history. It was very early days for photojournalism and therefore, not many photographs exist; and those that Dr Featherstone found were quite grainy and poor quality. However, through characterisation and great storytelling skill, she brought the characters to life and drew us into the story of these formidable "Cabin Girls" who not only took their employer to court, but also succeeded in obtaining backing from many influential people (men and women) and opened their own teashop on Brompton Road, opposite Harrods. The stories of normal women throughout history have been so readily forgotten, so it was satisfying to think that the efforts of these admirable women have now been brought to light.

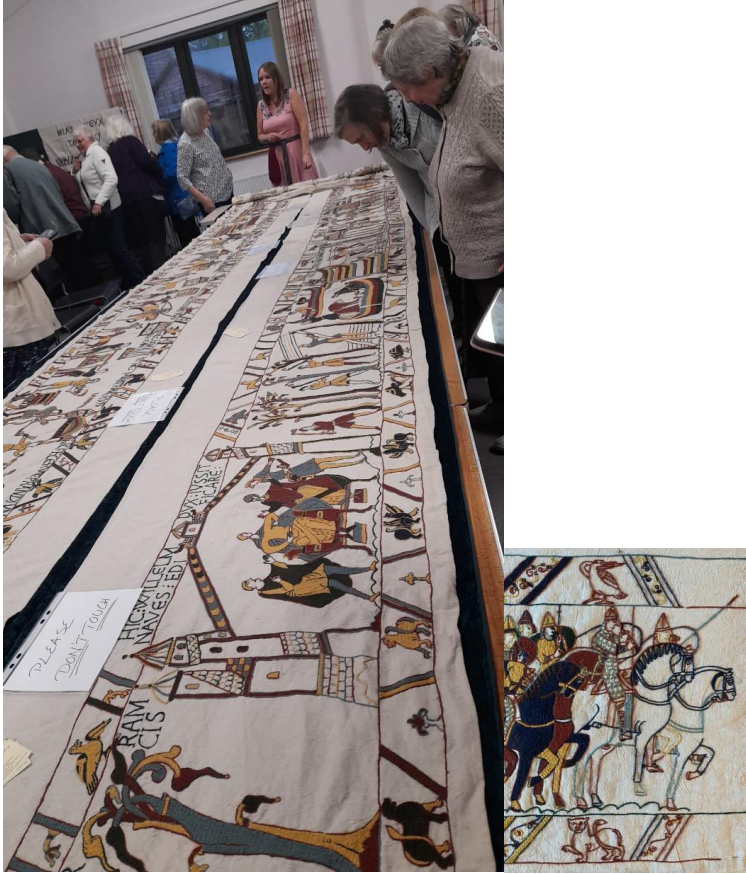
#### **The Bayeux Tapestry at Thurlby WI**

Five ladies from Langtoft attended Thurlby WI's meeting in June, where the speaker was Mia Hansson who is creating an exact replica of the Bayeux Tapestry – errors and all – which she aims to complete by 2027. She brought two completed, 10 metre lengths for us to look at, as well as samples of the wool she is using and work in progress. Whilst working on the tapestry and studying the original in so much detail, Mia has been able to identify how the ladies must have worked in the time just after 1066. For example, on some parts you can see that the chain stitches are upside down on the top half of the section and the right way up on the bottom half. This means that the original embroiderers must have been sitting at a long bench, working opposite each other.

Mia has captured the attention of the keepers of the original tapestry in Bayeux, who have asked her to draw up a sketch of her ideas for the missing end section for their consideration. So who knows, she might have some more work to do when this is finished! Mia has a very active Facebook page in which she shares every detail of her amazing project with anyone who is interested.

## *Clubs.*

### **Langtoft WI**



### **Future Meetings**

At our September meeting, on Monday, September 16th, we will be treated to some delights from Hotel Chocolat in Stamford. On Monday, 21st October, Mike Sweeting will give us a presentation entitled "The Colours of India". All meetings are held at Langtoft Village Hall and commence at 7.30 p.m.

Visitors are always welcome at Langtoft WI. Please see the posters around the village or contact our President, Jean Street on 01778 345037 for further information.

Sue Eales, Langtoft WI.

## *Clubs.*

### **Langtoft Bowls Club**

Back in May, I wrote about hopes and challenges for the coming season. Now, as the season draws to a close, I can reflect upon our successes and failures. For the first time ever, (I am told), we have been relegated from the top division of the Stamford League. This is probably a knock on effect from participation in the Peterborough Premier League on the same night and as I write, relegation also appears inevitable from this, the strongest League in the area. Our two Tuesday afternoon teams are both still playing with relegation and promotion places at take. Finally, despite a well-earned victory in their final match, our Saturday team face possible relegation after last year's well earned promotion.

On a more positive note, our recruitment efforts at the start of the season resulted in an amazing 20 new members, 14 of whom were complete novices. At least 3 of these novices have progressed into League sides already and many more will be ready for next season.

September sees our annual Club Finals Weekend, the Coronation Trophy and the Rose Bowl completion which closes our season on 15 September.



So, as our season finishes, once more the hard work begins on preparing the green for next year. Thanks to a grant from the Augean Fund we are going to install new edging on three sides of the green to match the one side that we successfully trialled this year.

Our green frequently generates comments from over the hedge of “that looks nice” which we appreciate but our green is the result of hard work from our small team of volunteers, funding from our members and the support of our contractor Clearcut.

## *Clubs.*

### **Langtoft Bowls Club**

The autumn restoration programme, which could be applied to your domestic lawns, starts with a double aeration and scarification before blowing off the debris. Seed and fertilizer is spread and falls into the grooves/holes created and we then spread and level a top dressing across the whole green. We then keep it moist until germination of the seed and subsequent growth, before the frosts and winter usually arrive in November.

We carry on our Wednesday Coffee Mornings throughout the winter to which anyone is welcome, you do not have to be a member to pop in.

Our Jigsaw lending library is again available to all, just call in on the Coffee Morning and borrow a puzzle for a pound – we have over 100 to choose from.

Nick Carr  
Chairman  
Langtoftbowlschairman@gmail.com



## *Upcoming Events*

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**MEALS**

**TUESDAYS THROUGHOUT  
DECEMBER**

**12-2PM AND 6-8PM**

**2 COURSES £15.00**

**3 COURSES £19.00**

*Upcoming Events.*

Langtoft Village Hall Management Committee  
(Reg. Charity No. 501924)



# HALLOWEEN BINGO

Langtoft Village Hall

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024**



Doors open 7pm for

**7:30pm start**



**Free Entry to include refreshments**

**BINGO TICKETS ON SALE ON THE NIGHT**

**6 BOOKS £6     3 BOOKS £3**

**SNOWBALL £1 PER TICKET**





# YOGA CLASSES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Small group, mixed ability Hatha yoga classes in Langtoft Village Hall.

Classes are ideal for beginners or experienced yogis looking for a slower paced class.

Classes incorporate gentle movement, breath work and relaxation to help each individual practice their own unique form of yoga.

Classes from September are as follows:

Tuesdays at 9.30am  
Wednesdays at 6.45pm

**Contact Sam for more info or to book:  
07899 753903  
replenishyoga.uk@gmail.com  
www.replenishyogawithsam.com**

## *Regular events*

### **Weekly**

Monday	5.30pm – 6.30 pm	Village Hall	Stars of the Future
(starts Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September)			
Tuesday	9.30am -10.30am	Village Hall	Yoga
Tuesday	1.15pm - 2.15pm	Village Hall	Seatersize
Tuesday	6.00 - 7.00pm	Village Hall	Chris Fit
Tuesday	7.30pm – 10pm	Village Hall	Langtoft Players
Wednesday	10am – 12 Noon	Bowls Club House	Bowls Coffee Morning
Wednesday	1.30 – 2.30	Village Hall	Western Line dancing
	5.30 – 6.30	Village Hall	Western Line dancing
(starts Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September)			
Wednesday	6.45pm - 7.5pm	Village Hall	Yoga
Thursday	7.30pm – 10.00pm	Village Hall	Langtoft Players
Thursday	7.00pm – 8.30pm	Langtoft Church	Ness Group Singers
Friday	6.15pm - 7.30pm	Village Hall	Ministry of Dance
Friday	9.30am - 11.00am	Village Hall	Bumps 2 Four
Friday	6.15pm – 7.30pm	Village Hall	Ministry of Dance
Saturday	8.30am - 9.30am	Village Hall	Chris Fit

### **Monthly**

3rd Monday	7pm	Village Hall	Women's Institute
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	8.30pm	Pub	Quiz night

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# *Upcoming events*

## **Events for September**

Macmillan Coffee Morning	27 <sup>th</sup> September	10am – 2pm	Village Hall
Church Cake & Bacon Butty	21 <sup>st</sup> September	10am - 1pm	Langtoft Church

## **Events for October**

Bingo

Harvest Lunch	5 <sup>th</sup> October	12 noon - 2pm.	Langtoft Church
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(Ticket only £10. Tickets available from Debbie Howard, Langtoft Village Shop, Claire Naylor)

Churchyard Autumn Tidy Up	12 <sup>th</sup> October	10am -12noon	Langtoft Church
Craft Café	19th October	10am - 2pm	Langtoft Church

(Stall holders please contact Claire Naylor to book a stall)

Langtoft Players Quiz Night	19 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm	Village Hall
Halloween Bingo	28 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm	Village Hall

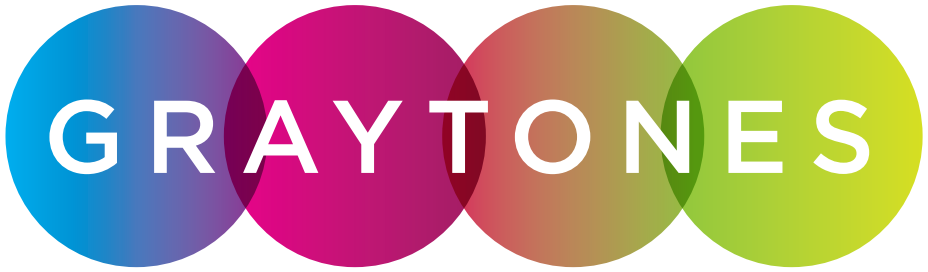
## **Events for November**

Church Cake & Bacon Butty	16th November	10am - 1pm cake	Langtoft Church
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## **Events for December**

Christmas tree lighting	2nd December		At the Crossroads
Christmas Bingo	9 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30pm	Village Hall
Christmas trees and treats	21 <sup>st</sup> December	10am – 2pm	Langtoft Church

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